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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COURT RULING ON ICELAND'S FISHING ZONE

1. IN A RECENT MEETING WITH EMBOFF, ELIASSEN, WHO IS DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, SAID
HE HAD FOLLOWED CAREFULLY THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE ON THE EXTENSION BY ICELAND
OF ITS FISHING LIMITS TO 50 MILES. HE CLAIMED THE COURT DID NOT
RULE IN EITHER THE BRITISH OR WEST GERMAN CASE ON THE RIGHT OF
ICELAND TO EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMITS. IN FACT, MEMBERS OF
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THE COURT SEEM TO HAVE GONE TO CONSIDERABLE PAINS TO MAKE IT

CLEAR THEY WERE NOT RULING ON THIS ISSUE. IN THE BRITISH CASE THE COURT CONSIDERED BRITISH FISHING RIGHTS UNDER FISHING AGREEMENTS. THE WEST GERMAN CASE WAS SIMILAR. SINCE THE CASES DID NOT CONSIDER THE LEGALITY OF UNILATERAL EXTENSION, NORWAY CONSIDERED THEY HAD NO RELEVANCE TO POSSIBLE NORWEGIAN UNILATERAL EXTENSION OF ITS FISHING ZONE.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S INTERPRETATION OF COURT'S DECISIONS AND REACTION TO ELIASSEN'S REMARKS. THERE IS, OF COURSE, GREAT INTEREST HERE IN THE MAGNUSON BILL AND POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. MIGHT UNILATERALLY EXTEND ITS FISHING ZONE. EMBASSY WOULD ACCORDINGLY ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION BEARING ON THIS ASPECT OF ISSUE.
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